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## PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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TO: Members, Public Disclosure Commission

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SUBJECT: Continuation of Rule-Making Process

The following draft rule amendments are presented as a continuation of the rule making activity initiated at your September 15, 2005 meeting.

Possible amendment of <u>WAC 390-05-400 Changes in dollar amounts</u>. This rule implements the requirement in RCW 42.17.690 that the Commission biennially revise the dollar amounts found in Initiative 134 to reflect changes in economic conditions. The new Electioneering Communications law, effective January 1, 2006, adjusts the contribution limits found in RCW 42.17.640; however, four other sections of statute containing dollar thresholds and limitations enacted by I-134 were not affected by the legislation. The potential rule would adjust these amounts for inflation. See attached draft rule amendment.

Possible amendment of <u>WAC 390-37-136 Production of documents and use at hearing</u> (<u>adjudicative proceeding</u>). The current rule describes some procedures for submission of hearing materials. However, the rule is outdated in light of the electronic format that documents are typically now received by, and sent to, the Commission. In addition, the rule does not address items such as spacing, page limits, etc. The potential rule would incorporate these modifications. See attached draft rule amendment.

Possible amendment of <u>WAC 390-12-010 Public Disclosure Commission – Regular meetings</u>. RCW 42.30.075 requires state agencies which hold regular meetings to file with the Code Reviser a schedule of the time and place of the meetings on or before January of each year for publication in the Washington State Register. The draft rule would revise the Commission regular meeting schedule from the fourth Tuesday of each month to the fourth Thursday. See attached draft rule amendment.

Action by the Commission. Staff is requesting the Commission approve the draft language in WAC 390-05-400, WAC 390-37-136 and WAC 390-12-010. If approved, the draft language will be filed with the Code Reviser's Office and a public hearing scheduled for your January 2006 meeting.